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This is an FYI for NRCME examiners who may have to refer driver for Skill Performance Evaluation (SPE)
The process has been changed recently
Driver completes SPE application packet <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/sites/fmcsa.dot.gov/files/docs/spe-certificate-package.pdf>
Need to give driver copy of the exam (long form). It needs to be submitted with the application packet by the driver
FMCSA examiner will get in touch with driver to set up road test at the employer location. No need for driver to go to testing center.
Process currently taking about 6-8 weeks.
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From: Scott J. Spillmann, MD, MPH <sjspillmannmdmph@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Mar 16, 2016 at 1:53 PM
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Can you help me / us / SEACOEM with sending this out in the next couple of days over the list serve please?

â€œWe are accepting any and all colleagues from components who care to join us, i.e., it is primarily for our component but we welcome all others.

Kathleen Buckheit usually can arrange it for nurses to get CEâ€™s as well.

We will send out more specific information this spring.

Thanks again

SJS

â€œDear Colleagues,

Over the weekend of Saturday, August 20th and Sunday, August 21st, 2016 SEACOEM will host our 2016 Symposium and Scientific Meeting at the historic Hotel Roanoke in the picturesque city of Roanoke, Virginia, hugging the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains.

It will be two full days of learning, with healthy doses of fellowship and fun. Your officers are planning a special gathering for that Saturday evening â€œ stay tuned for communiques this spring about the program as well as for registering for the event.

The link below gives a hint of the venue: <http://www.hotelroanoke.com/>

SEACOEM is YOUR component and this conference is for YOU. We look forward to seeing you there.

Respectfully,

Scott J. Spillmann, MD, MPH

President, SEACOEMâ€œ

Subject: Re: Fwd: Lung adenoCA & heavy metal (As, Cd, Cr) exposure
From: Christopher Ide <christopher_ide@yahoo.co.uk>
Date: Thu, 17 Mar 2016 00:01:52 +0000 (UTC)
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Dr Darby, A number of thoughts pass through my mind wrt this unfortunate lady. 1. She's 63, therefore born in 1952 or 53. So it's likely that her working life would have started in the late 1960s. Has anyone taken a detailed occupational history to explore the possibility of exposure to known lung carcinogens earlier in her life? 2. What about leisure activities? Did she spend a lot of time in dance halls/popular music/folk/jazz clubs or cinemas in the days before smoking in public places was widely banned, thus being exposed to passive smoking? 3. You write about "...very high levels of airborne cadmium, hexavalent chromium..." Exactly what do you mean by 'very high levels' - A how do they relate current and past occupational/community exposure levels, for example? 4. There seems to be a presumption that the majority of the exposure occurred when she was out taking her walk at lunchtime, but to what extent would have working in the shop attenuated her exposure, bearing in mind that the doors would be opening and shutting to let customers in and out, and for goods to be delivered and uplifted, etc. To draw an analogy with PPE, we all know that, in order to be really effective, it needs to be worn all the time. 5. There is potentially a difference between exposure and uptake. I'm now really getting out of my depth, because I know b7g\$e^ all about cadmium half lives, kinetics, etc, but I do believe that it accumulates in the kidneys. If her last exposure was fairly recent, might measuring her urinary B2 microglobulin or urinary Cd offer some sort of surrogate measure? 6. Has she been a fan of Chinese herbal or Ayurvedic medicine, particularly if these products have been purchased on-line? it's not unknown for them to be adulterated or contaminated with high levels of lead, steroids, etc and there are case reports in the literature, ranging from elevated blood levels to frank poisoning with Pb found in these products. Other carcinogens might also be present. 7. Since the days of Molly Newhouse, who reported cases of asbestosis, etc in non-employees who lived in the vicinity of asbestos processing factories (although some of the exposures might have occurred from employees bringing soiled working clothes home), could these cases

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